

# Christmas

## Is Nearly Here

Which should remind you that right now is the time and right here the place to select your Christmas presents, as we have a large line to select from, and if you purchase from us you will get something useful as well as ornamental. We think a nice Round Oak Range or Heater, a Superior Cook Stove, or a Wilson Heater would make a nice present for your wife, or we can fix you up with a Perfection Oil Heater, a nice set of Carvers, a set of Rogers silver Knives and Forks, Spoons, etc. We also have a large line of Aluminum, Nickel Plated and Enameled Ware, Savory Roasters, Butcher Knives, etc. And don't forget that if you need a Shot Gun, Rifle, Loaded Shells, Razor, Pocket Knife, Flash Light, etc., for the boy, that we have what you want and our prices are right.

### Candy, Oranges, Nuts

We have a large stock of Christmas Candies, Oranges, Nuts, etc., and want to sell you what you need in this line. We will make special prices to churches, schools and Sunday Schools.

### Stoves and Ranges

We have a good stock of Stoves and Ranges and want to reduce our stock before inventory January 1st, and if you need anything in this line it will certainly pay you to see us as most of these Stoves were brought before the recent advance, and we are selling some of them way down.

### Buggies and Wagons

We just unloaded a car of the celebrated Peter Schuttler Wagons and have the best line of Spring Wagons, Buggies and Surries in Bates County, and our prices are low considering the market and another advance goes on of about 10 per cent January 1st. If you need anything in this line it will pay you to get busy right now. Our prices on Farm Implements, Field Fencing, Harness, etc., are less than the ruling prices and an advance is to go on inside of 30 days.

### Hardware and Groceries

We have the largest and best selected stock of Hardware and Groceries in Bates County, and our prices are always right. We want your trade and will try and give you prices and service that will merit same. We buy all kinds of country produce and pay the highest market price in cash or trade. Come in and see if we can't convince you this is the right place to trade.

## Bennett-Wheeler Merc. Co.

TELEPHONE 82

P. S.—We still have a good stock of Queensware, Fancy Plates, etc., that we are selling way down.

### PUBLISHERS SEEK FEDERAL RELIEF

Missouri Newspaper Owners to Ask Congress to Probe Paper Cost.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 9.—Rather than be forced out of business by the tremendous rise in the cost of publishing, an organization of weekly and small city daily newspapers in Missouri and several other states is preparing to appeal to the government for relief. The action in Missouri probably will be taken through the Missouri Association of Afternoon Newspapers, an organization of the leading small city daily newspapers of the state.

This organization includes the Independence Examiner, Marshall Democrat, Mexico Ledger, Fulton Gazette, Kirksville Express, Sedalia Democrat, Springfield Leader, Hannibal Courier-Post, Maryville Tribune, Nevada News, Cape Girardeau Republican, Joplin News-Herald and the Daily Missourian of Columbia.

The Herald-Statesman of Columbia and other weekly papers are planning to join the dailies in the appeal for government relief.

### Lyman Laney Dead.

Wm. Laney, living a few miles west of this city, received a telegram one day last week stating that his son, Lyman Laney, was dead. The sad news came as a terrible shock to the aged parents, and other relatives and friends were at the old home. Lyman was a young man who was reared in this community, industrious and exemplary in every way and his friends were legion. He had been living with his family for a number of years at Watertown, S. D., where he was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge, under whose auspices he was probably buried Sunday.

The father and mother left immediately for that place upon receipt of the message and have not yet returned, consequently no particulars regarding Lyman's death can be given at this time. If he had been sick for any length of time the parents were not made aware of it.—Appleton City Journal.

### Weltmer-Baldwin

Tracy C. Weltmer, vice president and business manager of the Weltmer Institute and youngest son of Prof. S. A. Weltmer, founder of the Institute, was married to Miss Stella Baldwin, daughter of Senator and Mrs. John Baldwin, at the Baldwin home near Appleton City Wednesday afternoon. Only a few relatives were present and the happy young couple took the train a short time after they were married for a tour of a month in Florida and Cuba. They passed thru Nevada on the evening Katy Limited and at Fort Scott transferred to the Frisco for the sunny south.

The groom is one of Nevada's keenest young business men and very popular among his set. The bride formerly lived here and is a half sister of Miss Mary Chambers, former matron at the asylum. She was educated at Cottey College and is a charming young lady. When Mr. and Mrs. Weltmer return to Nevada they will live at the Weltmer home on South Cedar street.—Nevada Herald.

### Must Pay for Newspapers

That a newspaper that is left and read at a man's home must be paid for and that the fact that the newspaper was not ordered does not constitute a valid defense was held in a jury in the circuit court last week when a judgment for \$30.30 was returned in favor of A. T. Ankrom against W. E. West, Plaintiff sued for a subscription to the St. Louis Republic from July, 1910, until September 1914, at the rate of 65 cents a month.

According to the testimony at the trial, West had subscribed for a certain period when the Republic was conducting some sort of a contest. West subscribed through Miss Tina Houston who was one of the contestants. When his subscription expired he continued to receive it and read the newspaper, though it had not been ordered longer than the time stated in the subscription given to Miss Houston.—Mexico Intelligencer.

### MISSOURI NOTES.

The Urich Herald says that the high price of brooms is probably the result of so much straw wasted in taking straw votes.

Paul Hamilton, of Harrisonville, Mo., was last week elected captain of the 1917 Tiger football team of the University of Missouri.

Gov. Major has appointed Col. John F. Lumpkin police commissioner of Kansas City, vice Col. Fred A. Lamb. The latter asked to be relieved from duty some three weeks ago.

A farmer came to town the other day to buy a Ford, but after due consideration he concluded to add a couple of dollars to his fund and buy a sack of flour instead.—Hopkins Journal.

Warren S. Salmon, 32 years old, son of Major Harvey W. Salmon of Clinton, Mo., died at 2 p. m., Wednesday as the result of an attack of pneumonia at his home 4354 A Forest Park boulevard, St. Louis.

A farmer in Benton county publishes a notice in his local paper forbidding hunting on his land and gives as his reason that some careless hunters had shot his trees. The trees should have gotten out of the way.

A marriage license was issued at Montgomery City Saturday to Michael Rinkle, 73 years old, and Elizabeth Vonvain, 19 years old. They were to be married at their home near Middletown, Mo., by Rev. J. W. Halley.

A jury in Greene County last week sentenced a man to the penitentiary for 20 years, and they meant 20 years. They provided that the governor could not parole him in a few years. Of course their action was unconstitutional but they meant well.

President Wilson is seriously considering making a trip west next spring. When invited last week by Speaker Clark to speak before the school of journalism of the University of Missouri in May, the president said that if possible, he would like to visit the west after congress adjourned in March, and that if he did so he would accept the invitation.

Last week a Jefferson City paper boasted that there was not an inmate in the Cole county jail, and laid considerable stress on what a law abiding community Jefferson City was. This week the Cole county court ordered the county clerk to advertise for bids for a new jail to cost \$35,000. The Democrat-Tribune says that the new structure will be modern in every detail and will be a source of joy to the inmates.

An enterprising undertaking firm in Kansas City has added a crematorium columbarium to their establishment. The crematorium is equipped with retorts heated with oil in which the body can be quickly reduced to ashes. In the columbarium there are place for several hundred urns in which the ashes of the deceased will be kept. The place is elaborately furnished in white and red. It cost about \$17,000.

Rev. Dr. James W. Lee, chaplain of Barnes Hospital, has at last discovered a happy man. The man is 126 years old, and with his 90-year old son, is in the poor house. The old man says, "I have turned over the conduct of my life to the Lord, and he is running my life for me." We admire the sentiment, but object to the shifting of the burden. The Lord always turns out a better product with some assistance from the product.—Warrensburg Star-Journal.

The residence of the late Senator Cockrell of Missouri is to be sold. Walter L. Lampkin of Kansas City, secretary to Mr. Cockrell when he was in the Senate and now executor of the estate, is in Washington to find a buyer for the place. The roomy old brick structure with its big fireplaces and air of hospitality was built twenty years ago by Senator Cockrell. During his terms in the Senate it was seldom it did not contain some Missouri guest. The house is at 1518 R Street, N. W.

Jordan Elliott, 84 years old, died last Friday at his home near Huntsville, after having spent

most of his life hoarding gold for his expensive funeral. During his life time he and his sister, Miss Betty, 89 years old, clothed their bodies in coarse homespun cloth, lived in a small cabin, and ate only a small part of what the farm produced in order that they might hoard gold. He left his sister \$100,000. He was buried in most expensive clothing and his coffin was the best money could buy. We trust he enjoyed the occasion.

For many years one of the problems that country newspapers had to deal with was what to do with the subscriber that did not pay up promptly. At last the El Dorado Springs News has hit upon a plan that has all the earmarks of a winner. It announces that if the married man that was seen flirting with the young women in the part at place did not call at once and pay up his subscription, that the editor would be compelled to tell the man's wife about it. The El Dorado Springs married men must be pretty frisky.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Elizabeth M. Oliver to E. L. Snider 40 acres section 25 West Point \$2,400.00.

W. A. Leavitt to W. W. Leavitt 18 acres section 5 Lone Oak \$2,650.00.

John Williams to Sylvester Stevenson 159 acres sections 2 and 11 West Boone \$10,270.00.

Geo. Webster to Ethel A. Rapp tract section 14 Rockville \$1,500. Mattie B. Wirt to J. E. Klotz, block, lot 6, block 10, Williams ad. to Rich Hill \$400.

M. E. Ditzler to Dirigo Realty Co., 766 acres, section 6, Walnut \$1,000.

Mary Baugh to R. F. Davis, 40 acres section 24, Pleasant Gap \$552.48.

E. E. Richardson to Lydia Funk lots 1 and 2, block 8, Huns addition to Butler \$1,000.00.

Margaret Curtis to W. S. Kelley, 20 acres section 8, Elkhart \$825.00.

### Smith Center Man at 104, Still Has Relish for Foods.

Smith Center, Kas., Dec. 9.—John Munsinger, a widely known citizen of this county, will celebrate his one hundred and fourth birthday anniversary at the home of his son, Jay Munsinger, in Elk county, tomorrow.

The mind of the aged man is clear and strangers seldom estimate his age to be over 80. His appetite is good and he can eat the usual foods with the relish of a youngster. His long journey through life has been marked by temperate, regular habits and an entire lack of worrying.

As to health, Munsinger has no more ills than the ordinary man of 50.

### Great Japanese Soldier Dead.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—Marshal Marquis Oyama is dead. His death was due to a severe cold which he contracted while watching the army maneuvers.

Marquis Oyama was one of Japan's greatest soldiers. Qualified military critics have compared him to Moltke and even to Napoleon. His most brilliant achievement was while he was in command of the Japanese forces in Manchuria during the war with Russia.

### MYSTERIOUS PAINS AND ACHES

Make Life Hard to Bear for Many Butler Women.

Too many women mistake their pains and aches for troubles peculiar to the sex. More often disordered kidneys are causing the aching back, dizzy spells, headaches and irregular urination. Kidney weakness becomes dangerous if neglected. Use a time-tried kidney remedy—Doan's Kidney Pills. Hosts of people testify to their merit. Read a Butler case:

Mrs. Chas. Miller, W. Pine St., Butler, says: "I had a steady, wearing backache and was weak and run down. My kidneys acted much too often, especially at night and the secretions were scanty and scalding. I also had nervous headaches. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I bought at the United Drug Co., gave me relief from the start and I was soon feeling strong and well."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Miller had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

## Don't Put Off Caring For That Cough

If you do, serious complications are apt to arise and the result will mean a great deal of expense and inconvenience. The sensible treatment is

**Penstar**

## White Pine and Spruce Balsam

a combination of healing ingredients recognized by the medical profession as the best for the treatment of coughs.

Penstar White Pine and Spruce Balsam acts promptly and assures a permanent relief, while most cough syrups merely quiet the cough.

Penstar White Pine and Spruce Balsam is sold in two sizes, either plain or mentholated, and only at Penstar Stores.

25c and 50c



**J. A. TRIMBLE, Druggist**

Fraternal Inn Building  
BUTLER, MO.

### MISSOURI 100 YEARS OLD

In 1920—Plans for Big Celebration of State's Centennial

Missouri is going to become 100 years old, as a state, within the next four or five years. There are so many rival dates

for the origin of statehood, that one can almost take his pick; but the date which has practically fixed on for the purpose of a centennial celebration is July 19, 1820. This will bring the centennial in 1920.

The committee in charge of the celebration plans met in Kansas City recently to make plans for the 1920 celebration. The year 1920 is considered a good one for a celebration, as it will be election year. Furthermore it will be the year of the celebration in Boston and other New England places of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth.

If the Missouri committee were to follow the records at Washington, it would have to hold its celebration a year later. The admission of Missouri to the Union was declared by President

Monroe August 10, 1821.

But the committee, on the authority of so thoro a historical student as Walter B. Stevens of St. Louis, believes the date which should be celebrated is July, 19, 1820. —Warrensburg Star-Journal.

### Some Grafters.

Whatever else may be said of the South Americans they cannot be said to be pikers. About ten years ago they started to build a capitol building in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentine Republic. The building was planned to cost \$2,640,000, but up to date \$14,295,696 has been spent and the end is not yet. The building is a small edition of the capitol at Washington and is called the "Palace of Gold," because it cost so much.

### Missouri Guards on Hike.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 11.—The Second and Fourth Missouri infantry, accompanied by Battery E, Third U. S. artillery, and the Second Florida infantry, today departed for a four days' hike down the Rio Grande. A sham battle will feature the maneuvers.

### To the Subscribers of the

## Bates and Henry Co. Telephone Co.

JOHNSTOWN, MISSOURI

Notice is hereby given that the rental per month for the regular service of the Bates and Henry County Telephone Company, located at Johnstown, Mo., will, after January 1st, 1917, be \$1.25 per month.

The penalty of 15c per month as shown now will be cancelled. Telephone rentals will be payable quarterly.

## BATES and HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.

F. M. CAMPBELL, Manager

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF

## MISSOURI STATE BANK

BUTLER, MISSOURI

AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS, NOVEMBER 17, 1916

### RESOURCES

Money Loaned.....	\$352,721.31
Overdrafts.....	748.81
Real Estate (Including Bank Building).....	20,505.10
Furniture and Fixtures.....	3,000.00
Cash and Due from Banks.....	\$158,066.16
	\$533,039.38

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 55,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	38,384.46
Deposits.....	\$439,654.92
	\$533,039.38

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